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March 14, 2000

Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME - TWO MONTHS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant(s) request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 15, 1999, in the above-identified file. Applicant's response is in the form of a Preliminary Amendment and Response To Restriction/Election Requirement under the rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, enclosed herewith

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A check for \$226.00 is enclosed, \$190.00 of which is to be applied pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). In the event the attached check is unacceptable, is insufficient, or lost, please charge the required fee to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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